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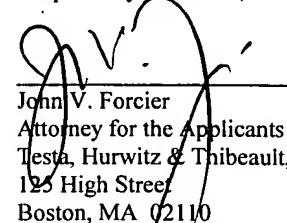
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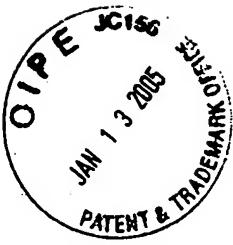
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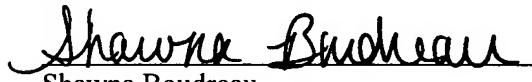
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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the Patent Office on December 23, 2004. The shortened statutory period for response expires on January 23, 2004.

REMARKS

The Office action indicates that there are eight patentably distinct species depicted in the figures and that claim 1 appears to be generic. A summary of the species as outlined in the Office action follows:

Shoe

- I FIGS. 7-9;
- II. FIG. 10;
- III. FIGS. 11-12;

Second Deformation Elements

- A. FIGS. 1-2;
- B. FIGS. 3-4;
- C. FIG. 5;